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## IN THE UNITED STATES BANKRUPTCY COURT

## FOR THE DISTRICT OF WYOMING

In re:	)	
WESTERN BIOMASS ENERGY, LLC	) C, )	Case No. 12-21085
	)	CHAPTER 11
Debtor.	)	
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## OBJECTION TO THE UNITED STATES TRUSTEE'S MOTION TO CONVERT THIS CHAPTER 11 CASE PURSUANT TO 11 U.S.C. § 1112(b)

COMES NOW Western Biomass Energy, LLC ("WBE"), as Debtor-in-Possession, by and through its counsel, and hereby objects to the *United States Trustee's* ("USTO") *Motion to Convert this Chapter 11 Case Pursuant to 11 U.S.C. § 1112(b)* ("Motion") filed herein, and in support hereof shows the Court as follows:

- 1. The USTO's Motion is premature in that pending before this Court is an Objection to Sale and Motion for Entry of an Order Denying Confirmation of the Sale of Substantially all of Debtor's Assets Free and Clear of Liens, Claims and Interests and Setting Aside Sale ("Sale Objection") filed by Security National Bank of Omaha (the "Bank"), and a Motion to Approve Sale of Personal Property ("Sale Motion") and a Motion to Approve Settlement Agreement ("Settlement Agreement Motion") both filed by WBE.
- 2. If the Sale Objection, Sale Motion and Settlement Agreement Motion are granted, WBE's bankruptcy estate stands to benefit greatly. In fact, if granted, it is anticipated that all administrative claimants will be paid and unsecured creditors will receive a distribution.

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3. In the alternative, if the USTO's Motion is granted, any return to administrative

claimants and unsecured creditors is highly speculative.

4. While WBE concedes that Monthly Operating Reports have not been timely filed

in recent months, WBE's business activity has essentially ceased. In fact, WBE has no

employees and considered this case a Chapter 7 candidate after the conclusion of the auction sale

that occurred on June 11-12, 2013. Given the pending matters now before the Court, the

landscape has significantly changed and these pending matters ought to "play out" prior to any

conversion to a Chapter 7.

5. In order for the USTO's Motion to have merit, a conversion must be "in the best

interests of creditors and the estate." See 11 U.S.C. § 1112(b). In this instance, a conversion

would be a complete catastrophe. WBE, the Committee and the estate's largest secured creditor,

the Bank, have but forth a tremendous amount of effort as of late to ensure creditors receive a

distribution. WBE, and its estate, should be given an opportunity to bring these efforts to

fruition.

6. In sum, the USTO's Motion is premature and is not ripe for discussion until such

time as the Sale Objection, Sale Motion and Settlement Agreement Motion are ruled upon by the

Court.

WHEREFORE, WBE prays that this Court deny the Motion filed on behalf of the

United States Trustee for the conversion of this case to one under Chapter 7 on the basis that it is

premature.

**DATED** this 26<sup>th</sup> day of July, 2013.

WESTERN BIOMASS ENERGY, LLC

By:\_\_/s/\_\_\_

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## **CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE**

I, Brad T. Hunsicker, hereby certify that a true and correct copy of the foregoing Objection to United States Trustee's Motion to Convert this Chapter 11 Case Pursuant to 11 U.S.C. § 1112(b) was served upon the Office of the United States Trustee and all Parties registered on the CM/ECF Electronic Mailing System, *electronically*, this 26<sup>th</sup> day of July, 2013.

/s/	
Brad T. Hunsicker	